

DOMESTIC MISSIONS

OF THE

Protestant Episcopal Church.

DECEMBER, 1854.

Annual Meeting of the Board.

THE published proceedings, and the various accounts in other forms, have placed before the Church the substance of what was *done* at this important and interesting meeting. But what was *said* and *felt* cannot be reproduced with the look and spirit, the heart and love, which gave life to all that was done, and is the earnest of good fruits and happy issues in the time to come. The reality and life-like character of the proceedings, indicating good courage, hearty confidence, and mutual goodwill, showed the presence and power of the good Spirit, "who maketh men to be of one mind in an house," and proved conclusively that to *work together* is the best way to promote unity of sentiment and feeling in the honest, earnest promotion of great objects and great ends. In the Domestic field there is evidently a new spirit at work and abroad. It is apparent in many ways, from various quarters, and in substantial fruits. It only needs to be fostered and cherished in order to grow and spread in its extent and its power, till every parish and every member of the Church shall have their part in the work, and the vast extent and solemn importance of the field shall be realized and appreciated everywhere and by all.

When, some time since, we set our mark for the past year at \$40,000, we felt by aiming high we should do more, but hardly hoped to reach the end; and yet, with praise to God, whose is the silver and the gold, and who ruleth the wills and affections of men, we make the record, that the work is *done*. We have

had the available sum of \$40,643 94 for the current year just closed, including the balance which we had in hand when the year began. This shows us that the Church is ready, both in heart and hand, to help us in the great and good work which God has given us to do. With new openings and new wants, we shall need much more in the coming year. We have but just entered on a new career of enlarged faith, and zeal, and efforts, in the name of God and of His Church. The field will widen, the wants will multiply, the calls for aid increase, the loud appeals to earnest sympathy and love will grow louder, and deeper, and stronger, and holier, and more affecting, and powerful, and successful. Thanks be to God, the work of our Domestic Missions is no longer suspected and frowned upon. It will prove itself by its fruits to be the work of God and of His Christ; and thus be the hope of the world and the gate of heaven, in the conversion and salvation of sinful men. "Not unto us, not unto us, O Lord, but to Thy name be the praise, for thy loving mercy, and for Thy truth's sake."

Tribute to Bishop Wainwright.

At a meeting of the Domestic Committee, held on Monday evening, September 25th, the following minute was offered by the Secretary, and *unanimously* adopted. We place it on record as a just and meet memorial of one whose later labors and lamented death had so much of the Missionary spirit in its unselfish aims, its self-sacrificing toils, and its absorbing and consuming zeal:—

"The Domestic Committee, at this its first meeting since the sad event, desire to make this heartfelt record of the loss which they, in common with the Diocese and the Church, have sustained in the death of the Rt. Rev. Jonathan Mayhew Wainwright, their late Chairman, and Provisional Bishop of the Diocese of New-York.

"He did very much, at an early period, to awaken a lively interest in the sacred cause of Missions.

"In his life and ministry, by his influence and example, he aided and promoted it.

"In his brief but laborious and faithful Episcopate, he was still its earnest friend and untiring advocate and supporter. He

was ever here in his place and at his post, even when most pressed by care and weariness.

"We shall see his face no more, and no more enjoy his presence and his counsels.

"We tender our sincere and respectful sympathy to his *be-reaved* family, and pray that God may overrule to them, to the Diocese, and all the varied interests of the Church, this sad bereavement.

"*Ordered*—That this record be placed upon the minutes, and sent to the afflicted family of our lamented Father."

Chinese in California.

THE following article has been prepared at our request by the Rev. Mr. Syle, and gives a brief statement of the field and work on which he is about to enter. We commend it to the serious attention and earnest interest of the Church. The Editors of Church papers will do a favor to the cause by giving it an early insertion, and we bespeak for it the cordial sympathy, earnest prayers, and liberal contributions, of all our readers:—

"Were it practicable for us to reproduce, on this side of the Continent, the copy of a small printed newspaper which we have just been considering, it should be spread before our readers as one of the most noteworthy 'signs of the times.' It is printed in San Francisco, and bears the title of the '*GOLDEN HILLS NEWS*;' but these words, together with a leading article headed '*American Preaching versus Practice*,' are all that would be intelligible to a reader of our language. All the rest—shipping news, express advertisements, bankers' notices, &c., &c.—is printed in Chinese; and the question which we cannot refrain from asking, as we look upon the four small pages of unintelligible printing, is, 'For whom is this paper designed?' The answer is, 'For the *fifty or sixty thousand* Chinese who have already found their way to California.' If we ask again, 'By whom is it edited and printed?'—the reply is, 'Chiefly by young men who were educated as boys in Mission Schools in China.'

"It needs no argument to prove that a Mission field is opened

here which it devolves upon us to cultivate promptly and diligently. That upwards of fifty thousand heathen men (not to mention a number of females, whose character is of the worst description) cannot become intermingled with such a population as that of California without making its impression, and that a most deleterious one, on the mass, is self-evident. The political questions which their presence has already raised are perplexing and difficult of settlement; the social position which they will eventually occupy is a problem which must be practically solved not long hence; and the means which the Christians of this country hold in their hands for evangelizing this heathen community, must be employed without delay, or the favorable moment will be lost for preventing the virtual *establishment of idolatrous worship* in the State of California!

“That our own Church may not be found wanting in the discharge of her duty in such an emergency, the Domestic Committee have resolved to send to San Francisco a Missionary whose especial work it will be to deal with this strange element in the national character.

“Exactly in what manner this can be attempted, is a question of detail to be settled when the precise circumstances of the case are more fully understood. The simple fact is, that the heathen have, in the course of God’s providence, been brought to our very doors, and the plain duty which devolves upon us is to bear our part in the attempt to Christianize them. To aid them in this, the Committee ask that the means for commencing this peculiar and interesting work may be placed in their hands by prompt and liberal contributions.”

Missionary Meeting in Rochester.

CONSECRATION OF THE BISHOP OF IOWA.

IN connection with the solemn and impressive services attending on the consecration of the Rev. H. W. Lee, D. D., to the Episcopate of Iowa, was held a Missionary meeting, in St. Luke’s Church, Rochester, on the evening of St. Luke’s Day, Wednesday, Oct. 18th. The Missionary character of the field in which the newly consecrated Bishop is to enter, the Missionary spirit which must have led him to give up such a people for

such a field, the interest in Missions, long and ever taken by his active, liberal and warmly attached parish, and the fact that another Church in Rochester (Grace Church) had but recently parted with its earnest Rector, for substantially the same kind of arduous and self-denying work, all gave an interest and life to the proceedings, which even Missionary meetings seldom have. The Rt. Rev. Bishop of Vermont presided, opened and closed the meeting with prayer, and made a few earnest and timely remarks. Bishop Lee spoke as such a man would speak, in such a presence, and at such a time. He was followed by the Secretary of the Domestic Committee, who gave way for a graphic, earnest, and affecting appeal by the Rev. Mr. Ufford, of Iowa. Bishop Burgess followed in a finished, beautiful and impressive address. The Rev. Dr. Haight, of New-York, gave some valuable statistics, showing the bearing of the multiplication of Bishops on the growth of the Church, and applied them with eloquence and power, while a few solemn and stirring remarks from Rev. Dr. Potter, Provisional Bishop elect of New-York, closed the exercises of a meeting long to be remembered in its delightful spirit, its interesting associations, and its important and affecting prospects. May its issue and fruits be as abundant and abiding, as its services were pleasant, and its memories are grateful.

It gives us pleasure to add the following from the Church Journal. "The collection amounted to \$130. Besides which, a letter was laid on the plate, enclosing a check for \$500, directed to Bishop Lee, and appropriating the contents 'to his aid or comfort in establishing the Protestant Episcopal Church, in its simplicity, in the Diocese of Iowa.' His Parish has also given the Bishop sundry other tokens of their high esteem and warm regard."

Tidings from Kansas—A touching Tale.

WESTON, MO., NEAR FT. LEAVENWORTH, }
K. T., Oct. 19th, 1854. }

REV. R. B. VAN KLEECK, D. D.,

Sec. Dom. Board.

REV. AND DEAR BROTHER:—After a most tedious journey of two weeks, I arrived at this point on Tuesday morning last at four

o'clock, having travelled all the night in a lumber wagon, with the dead body of our child. Our lovely and only child, aged fourteen months, died on our way up the river Missouri, on the morning of the 8th inst., after a very brief illness. Having kept the body for one week, we buried it in the grave-yard of this town, on Sunday A. M., the 15th inst.

Early on Monday I hired a horse, and crossed over into the Territory of Kansas. I visited the town site of Kickapoo, situated on the Missouri, and about three miles above the town of Weston, in the State of Missouri. I had the pleasure of having made the acquaintance of several of the gentlemen interested in this new town, when in this country, in 1851. I shall have no difficulty in securing some property for the Church in this place. After leaving Kickapoo town site I passed through the Roman Catholic Mission grounds of the Kickapoo tribe of Indians, on my way to Fort Leavenworth, six miles distant. At this military post there are several members of our Church.

Passing by the Fort, I went on to the site of the future city of Leavenworth, three miles below. This is the best site on the Missouri River for a town or city. The officials of the new Territory are all taking a deep interest in it. Governor Reeder has requested the reservation of a piece of ground on which the Capitol may be erected. I have the promise of two or three lots for the Church in this place, by a gentleman of Weston, Mo., and formerly a parishioner of mine. I have made an appointment to officiate at this place on next Sunday, the 22d inst.

A new town has been laid out on the Big Blue, a tributary of the Arkansas, named Marysville; here I have the promise of building lots and \$500 towards building. I purpose visiting this point at an early day.

Very faithfully, your brother in Christ,

JOHN MCNAMARA.

[Inserted by request.]

FAYETTEVILLE, ARK., *Sept. 21, 1854.*

THE Wardens of St. Paul's Church, Fayetteville, Arkansas, gratefully acknowledge the receipt of the following sums, in aid of the liquidation of the debt incurred for the erection of their church edifice, viz. :—

From A. Belmont, Esq., New-York, \$25; Rev. F. Vinton, D. D., Brooklyn, \$5; Rev. H. M. Dennison, Williamsburg, Va., \$20; Mrs. Commodore Perry, Newport, R. I., \$5; A. Wallace, Esq., \$5; P. H. White, Esq., Van Buren, Arkansas, \$5; and Wm. C. Dickson, Fort Gibson, C. N., \$5; which several sums were received through the agency and zealous co-operation of Mrs. Jane T. Butler, late of South Carolina. Also the sum of \$10 (by letter addressed to the Jr. Warden) from E. L. W., an unknown friend at Clarksville, Ga., (who had noticed, in the SPIRIT OF MISSIONS, an account of "the laying of the corner-stone of St. Paul's Church,") as "the small offering of one warmly attached to the services and doctrines of the Episcopal Church."

Parishes which have become Self-supporting.

THE records which follow give us two gratifying instances of parishes which not only now no longer need our aid, but are also ready to show their appreciation of the sympathy and aid extended to them, and their lively gratitude to the Domestic Committee and the Church for their interest and sympathy. These instances are beginning of late to multiply, and instead of the stereotyped holding on to the Missionary stipend, as long as it can be retained, we see now the generous desire to help themselves, and make room for others, by relinquishing the aid afforded at the earliest possible period. The money raised for Domestic Missions is to encourage and hold up *the weak*, not to gratify the sloth and covetousness of parishes which have wealth enough to give largely to others, in addition to providing for themselves. The Bishops are showing a commendable zeal and interest in this matter, and we shall soon have large numbers of self-supporting, vigorous parishes, which, in the days of infancy and weakness, were grateful for our timely help:—

"DUBUQUE, IOWA, *Sept. 27th*, 1854.

"REV. R. B. VAN KLEECK, D. D.

"*Dear Sir*:—The Vestry of St. John's Church, of this City, at a late meeting, has resolved that from and after the first of October next this Parish shall be self-supporting. As Secretary,

I am directed to notify the Board of Domestic Missions, through you, of this fact, and also to communicate the following resolution of the Vestry.

“*Resolved*, That the grateful thanks of this Parish are due to the Board of Domestic Missions for the liberal aid which it has always afforded the Parish in its times of poverty and dependence.

“Very respectfully,

“W. J. BARNEY,

“*Sec’y of Vestry.*”

“TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA, Sept. 30, 1854.

“TO THE DOMESTIC COMMITTEE.

“*Dear Sirs*:—We, the undersigned Rector, Wardens, and Vestrymen of St. Stephen’s Church, finding the Church in this place now able to sustain itself without the aid of the Domestic Board, would, from October first, 1854, relinquish such aid.

“While we promptly perform this duty at the first knowledge of our ability, we would tender, through you, to all the friends and patrons of this blessed institution, our most grateful acknowledgment for its protracted and fostering care.

“Having now attained sufficient age and strength to depend upon our own pecuniary resources, we return not only this sincere expression of our thanks for this aid, without which we believe the effort to establish the Church in this place must have failed, but we will also seek, as we are able, to restore that which we have received, and thus strive to bless as we have been blessed.

“Signed,

“D. D. VAN ANTWERP, *Rector.*

“W. F. KRUMBHAAR, *Sr. Warden.*

“T. G. VAN BUREN, *Jr. Warden.*

“M. D. TAPPING,

“W. B. TUELL,

“S. H. THOMPSON,

“J. H. LONG,

“WM. J. BALL,”

} *Vestrymen.*

Intelligence.

ON Friday, the 20th October, the Rev. Messrs. Joseph S. Large and E. W. Hager sailed in the *North Star*, to enter on their duties as our Missionaries in California. They were accompanied by the Rev. H. L. E. Pratt, the Rector elect of Sacramento. Messrs. Pratt and Hager have left their families for the present. Mr. Large was accompanied by his wife and only child. A bright sky and the prospect of a pleasant voyage cheered the sadness of the parting; and we rejoice that the inviting fields of California are so soon to be reaped by such tried and faithful laborers. May their numbers soon be reinforced and their hands be strengthened, "by the hands of the Mighty God of Jacob."

Mission to the Chinese in California.

THE Rev. Mr. Syle will embark, D. V., for this important work, on the 6th day of December. He is employed during his brief stay, at the request of the Committee, in presenting the claims of his Mission, in some of our larger cities, with a view to exciting an interest in the Mission, and raising funds for its support. Individual and special offerings for it will be gladly received and applied. It is a work which must commend itself to many, who have an interest in the Foreign field as well as the Domestic, and will, we trust, be remembered by many who have their wealth either from our Pacific Coast, or the traffic of the Eastern World.

Vacant Stations.

Alabama, Jacksonville; *Mississippi*, Clinton, Brandon; *Kentucky*, Paducah; *Indiana*, Vincennes; *Illinois*, Albion, Chester; *Wisconsin*, Superior, Douglas Co.; *Minnesota*, Stillwater; *Arkansas*, Helena; *Texas*, Anderson, Matagorda, Brownsville.

Acknowledgments.

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

THE Treasurer of the Domestic Committee acknowledges the receipt of the following sums from Sept. 20th, 1854, to Oct. 1st, 1854:—

New-Hampshire.
Concord—St. Paul's 12 00

Vermont.
Hydenville—St. James's, ½ 12 50

Connecticut.
New-Haven—St. Paul's, City Mission 10 00

New-York.
Bedford—St. Matthew's, Ladies' Miss. Association 30 00
Brooklyn—St. Ann's, ad'l. 59 12
Castleton—St. Mary's, ½ 20 00
Charlton—St. Paul's 4 00
Hyde Park—St. James's 20 00
Lansingburgh—Trinity 20 00
Morris, Otsego Co.—Zion, ½ 10 50
New-York—St. James's 37 39
Schenectady—St. George's 5 00 206 01

Pennsylvania.
Leacock—Christ, ½ 5 00
Paradise—All Saints' 7 00
Sunday School of do 2 00
Philadelphia—St. Peter's, a member, for Oregon 10 00 24 00

South Carolina.
Bluffton—St. Luke's 12 58
A member of do 24 28
Charleston—St. Michael's, for Oregon 100 00
St. Paul's 29 50
Miss Galician 10 00 186 36

Mississippi.
Pass Christian—Domestic Mission Box, Dr. Savage 2 00

Miscellaneous.
Interest on funds in hand 208 98
W., for Domestic Missions, ½ 2 50 211 48

Total, Sept. 20th to Oct. 1st, 1854 \$717 35
Total, since Oct. 1st, 1853 \$38,444 63

The Treasurer also acknowledges the receipt of the following sums from October 1st to November 1st, 1854:—

Vermont.
St. Alban's—Union Ch., ½ 10 00

Massachusetts.
Boston—Grace 4 00
St. Paul's, for Bishop Scott 25 00
Trinity, " 100 00
Dedham—St. Paul's, for do 34 00
Newton, Lower Falls—St. Mary's, for Bishop Scott 25 45
Roxbury—St. James's 1 50 219 95

Connecticut.

Bradford—Zion Ch., a member. 3 00
A laborer's offering, of same Church, being one month's wages 10 00
Milford—St. John's 25 00
Westport—Christ, ½ 22 00
Newtown—Trinity 18 00
Saybrook—Grace 11 25 89 25

New-York.

Troy—Holy Cross, 2d contri. 53 00
Brooklyn—St. John's 76 50
Duanesburgh—Christ, ½ 3 00
New-York—St. Thomas's 143 41
Northumberland—Mrs. Pickering, ½ 50 276 41

New-Jersey.

Newark—Trinity 51 12

Pennsylvania.

Philadelphia—Ascension 32 50
" St. Stephen's 342 16
Holmesburgh—Emanuel 1 00 375 66

South Carolina.

Pendleton—St. Paul's, ½ 6 50

Georgia.

Savannah—Christ 36 00

Alabama.

Carlowville—St. Paul's 9 20

Mississippi.

Holly Springs—Christ 50 00
Jackson—St. Andrew's 40 00
Jefferson County, Church Hill—Christ 50 00
Lexington—Calvary 7 50
Raymond—St. Mark's 6 50 154 00

Kentucky.

Jefferson Co.—St. Matthew's 20 00

Illinois.

Vandalia—Grace 7 00

Miscellaneous.

Mrs. Emily Seton, of Pau, France, per Rev. Mr. Chauncey, for Domestic Missions. 50 00
Estate of Miss M. T. Fendell, of Alexandria, Virginia, per Rev. C. B. Dana 20 00
Half collection at St. John's, Hartford, on occasion of annual sermon 29 77
Collection at offertory in same Church 17 52
Collection at Missionary meeting in same Church, Oct. 4th. 84 59
Collection at Missionary Meeting in St. Luke's, Rochester, Oct. 18th 130 00
E. M. A., for Rev. J. Ufford 50 00
Per Rev. S. F. Jarvis, for Oregon 2 00 253 88

Total, Nov. 1st, 1854 \$1,595 95

FOREIGN MISSIONS

OF THE

Protestant Episcopal Church.

DECEMBER, 1854.

INTELLIGENCE.

THE MISSION IN CHINA.

THE last mail brings advices from Bishop Boone, dated Shanghai, 13th July, the tenor of which goes to strengthen the apprehensions which have, of late, been excited as to the tendencies of the present insurrection. The whole country seems to be given up to the wildest and most deplorable anarchy, under rulers whose partial knowledge of the truth seems only to have added fuel to fanaticism, and who, at the same time, seem to be indisposed to any further friendly relation with foreigners. We have been slow to admit this view of the case, for there had been much in previous events to inspire hope; but recent developments have tended greatly to shake this confidence.

The government established by the insurgents, or rather, that which they seek to establish, is a sort of theocracy, half political, half religious, administered by a fraternity of Kings, six in number, professing to have direct intercourse with God, and claiming the sovereignty of the *whole earth*. Their late public proclamations have been marked by most blasphemous and arrogant assertions; while their general demeanor towards foreigners

has displayed a spirit of lofty assumption and intolerance, which, if persisted in, must soon bring them into direct and hostile collision with European and American residents.

In speaking of the subject, Bishop Boone remarks: "Since my last, we have had further communication with the insurgents at Nanking: the two English steamers *Rattler* and *Styx* were sent thither, and have just returned. The news they bring is very painful, but only confirmatory of the views I have always had of the rebel chiefs.

"They would hold no intercourse with the English, but kept them at a greater distance than they did the Americans in the *Susquehanna*. One of the objects which the English steamers had in visiting Nanking, was to procure coal. This they found there, and the people willing to sell it to them; but the Chinese officers had cannon carried down and planted on the coal, in the boldest manner, and peremptorily forbade its being taken away.

"Through the intervention, however, of another Chinese officer, who corresponded with the English, and who then memorialized the Eastern King on the subject of the correspondence, the opinions of this King, Yang, who is ostensibly the managing man, were learned on many points. The information was elicited by question and answer, and the document which resulted from a few days spent in catechizing each other, is said to be of the most extraordinary character. Sir John Bowring has not made it public, intending, I suppose, to send it to his government: many points treated of in it have, however, transpired."

The Bishop then cites a number of their statements, which are of too shocking a character to be transferred to our pages. The Bishop goes on to remark: "Their tone was one of scorn for the *ignorance* of those with whom they were holding intercourse. This I always expected: it is vain to look for a humble and teachable spirit among impostors and fanatics." "An effort is being made to induce the rebels to retire from Shanghai; and I hope that the Commissioners from England and the United States will insist upon it, and that in future they will protect this city from these insurrectionary movements, which produce only anarchy and bloodshed, without at all altering the fate of the Empire. I have told you a long story," in allusion to a

full statement of their religious views which the Bishop had made, "but I suppose it important for the Committee to understand, as well as can be, our position here, and to this end it is desirable to give all the facts that can be learned."

Notwithstanding the unpromising state of public affairs which these accounts detail, we rejoice to find from the Bishop's letters, that "the word of God is not bound:" for he adds the interesting paragraph, "We have several candidates for baptism, some of them very promising;" one of them being a Major of a battalion of three hundred of the insurgent forces in the city.

The state of the Mission is such as to call for the earnest prayers of all, who remember the cause of the Lord on the earth.

THE MISSION IN WEST AFRICA.

FROM CAPE PALMAS advices have been received from Bishop Payne to 13th July. After presenting many details concerning the operations of the Mission at the several points occupied, which we shall hereafter notice, he makes the following general observations. He had been speaking of the necessity of the return of some female teachers from the station, and in connection with this he remarks:—

"It is sincerely hoped that the experience of the Committee in connection with the female teachers returned to the United States may not discourage them from endeavoring to procure, as soon as possible, the needed supply of such as may be qualified for Missionary service. Should Miss Williford, in God's good providence, come back to us, I am advised that she cannot assume the entire charge of the large girls' school at this station; Miss Ball will therefore be required as her assistant. Miss Steele has been recently married to the Rev. H. R. Scott, and with him will assume charge of the family and duties connected therewith at the Orphan Asylum. She may superintend and give some instruction to the members of that Institution, but of

course cannot be the regular or principal teacher. At Rocktown, Fishtown, and at Bassa Cove, also, there will only be a single Missionary and wife ; so that at four stations, at the present moment, we have urgent need for well-qualified female teachers. And when, in the light of past experience, we are assured that a part, at least a third, of those in service must be absent or disabled, by reason of ill-health, it may in all moderation be affirmed that six female teachers, added to the Mission the present year, would barely put it in a working condition. I feel most especially anxious for the appointment of two at least, with the least possible delay ; namely, one for the Orphan Asylum, and another to accompany Mrs. Rambo to Bassa Cove, at the beginning of next year. I shall feel very unwilling to have Mrs. R. take so isolated a position without some suitable female companion and assistant. Will not the Committee, God helping them, supply this need ?

“The supply of foreign laborers, male and female, will long be needed, and perhaps the latter more than the former. The chief reason is, that the unmarried state is so unpopular, and for the most part inexpedient, in this country. The Mission has in past years educated females, Colonists and natives, sufficiently to make them respectable teachers ; but, without exception, as soon as they have got old enough, they have married, and the care of families has soon disqualified them for teaching. When the Orphan Asylum shall have been in operation some years, we may hope to have a much larger class of females educated, and from amongst them we may hope occasionally for teachers ; but as it is to be apprehended that the fashion of the country relative to marriage will be slow to change, we must be content to send most who leave the Institution, to leaven the communities to which they belong, and still look abroad for instruments to train the rising generations.

“And what hinders, but that America, as to other heathen countries, and to her great Western States and borders, so to Africa, should, so long as God shall require them, of her overflowing abundance, send sisters of charity, angels of mercy, in the form of gentle, loving, patient Christian females, to instruct and save the ignorant and the perishing here ? Why should not

they and the Church engage and ever continue in a work which shall so much abound to their account in the day of the Lord Jesus ?

“ And we have again to appeal to the Church and the thousands of medical men in the United States for a Missionary Physician ; for yesterday morning (I now write on the 12th) Dr. T. R. Steele died at this place, in the faith and love, and peace and joy of the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

“ You are doubtless aware that at the time of his appointment by your Committee, Dr. Steele was in a consumption. The voyage to this country proved injurious rather than an advantage to him, insomuch that on his arrival at Cape Palmas, he seriously thought of returning in the same vessel which brought him. He determined, however, to remain ; but his malady increased apace unto the end. During the six months of his Missionary life, days and nights of weariness were appointed to him. But ‘ the life of Jesus was manifested in his mortal body.’ In *love and faithfulness* he instructed and prayed with the heathen with whom he could come in contact ; in *unity*, like the precious oil which ran down Aaron’s beard, he dwelt with brethren and sisters of the Mission, ever ready to do them service, ever regretting he could not do them more. In *patience* he abided the short night of affliction, yet longing for the morning ; and, as the shadows of Tuesday night, with all his earthly night, were fleeing away together, the glorious heavenly day was dawning upon him. Yesterday morning, at about eight o’clock, amidst sorrowing, yet rejoicing Missionary sisters and brethren, did this lovely disciple fall asleep in Jesus, and ‘ was carried by angels into Abraham’s bosom.’ Amen, amen ! blessed be God !

“ While, however, blessing our God in depriving us of our physician, we may, in submission to His will, desire, as we appear much to need, another ; and invoke the kind attentions and efforts of the Foreign Committee to obtain one. May God, who takes away what He would have, also supply what we seem to want.”

BASSA COVE.

On the 13th July the Bishop wrote as follows, concerning plans for this station :—

“In communications before written, I forgot a most important proposition, which Mr. Rambo requests me to submit to your Committee. It is, that we purchase the premises of the Baptist Mission at Bassa Cove, which are now offered to us for sale.

“I am under the impression that I mentioned this subject to some members of the Committee when in the United States. I certainly did to the Baptist Board, at Boston. At that time, however, they (the Baptist Board) were indisposed to sell, saying that although they were then unoccupied, they hoped, ere long, to send out other Missionaries to that most interesting position. They have done so. Some of those sent out have died, and the others proposed to Mr. Rambo to sell the house and premises for \$1,200. The Mission-house, a *good two-story building*, cost more than this, while on the premises are some hundreds of coffee-trees, in full bearing.

“The situation is just the one which, if I had had my choice, I should have selected for *our second station*, at Bassa Cove. It is in truth, with respect to our first station at *Port Cresson*, on the sea-shore, just what *Clay-Ashland* is to *Monrovia*. It is eight miles from the first station, and five miles from the mouth of the St. John's, in the midst of the agricultural district of *Bexley*, while, on the opposite side of the river, are a number of native towns—one of them half Christianized—and some ten miles from the *Dja Mountain*, where, if it please God, we may, at no distant day, try the comparative healthiness of a mountainous and sea-shore residence. I would have this second station occupied by *colonist*, and *not white Missionaries*. It was a mistake in the Baptists to make this head-quarters, as they now perceive. And the result justifies the conclusion to which I long since arrived, that until decidedly high mountains can be safely reached, the sea-shore is the place for foreign laborers.

“But it is a most important point for operating upon the Colo

ny—indeed, the best—while it is almost the necessary stepping-stone to the farther interior. May I ask of you the favor to communicate to me the decision of your Committee, by the earliest possible opportunity? The Baptist Missionaries have made a formal offer of the property to us through Mr. Rambo, and will await your decision.

“I notice by the papers, that the late Elliot Cresson has left a legacy for the Bassa Mission. How far it will be available for a purchase like that herein recommended, is not known. But in case it can only be applied to the purposes of the station at *Port Cresson*, other funds can be well spared for the object contemplated.”

LETTER FROM THE REV. J. RAMBO.

BARQUE SHIRLEY, OFF BASSA COVE, W. A., }
June 27th, 1854.

I am now on my way down to Cape Palmas, after an absence of nearly two months. In my last, I mentioned that I was well received by the residents of Buchanan. Since that time I have visited Bexley, up the St. John's River, and two native towns.

The Liberians are earnest in their demands for such schools as we hope soon to establish among them; that is, I hope, two high schools: one for boys, near Lower Buchanan, and I hope one for girls, ultimately, at Bexley, where the Mission-house and grounds of the Northern Baptist Board can be purchased for \$1,200. There are 40 acres, on which are at least 1,000 coffee-trees, bearing, and the house is two stories and a half, frame, 20 feet by 50 feet, and in pretty good repair. The price I consider very reasonable, indeed. The house is on a hill, elevated some 25 feet above the river, which passes near. The farm is high and almost entirely dry, except that a small creek runs through the back part of it. The farm is large enough to produce, if properly managed, coffee enough to pay per year, after *six* years, enough for at least ten scholarships, at \$60 each. Besides the coffee, enough vegetables can be raised for

all the purposes of the family and school. There is hardly one good school in the whole county; those that exist are only primary, and some are kept very irregularly. The Liberians of this county give our Mission a *hearty* welcome, especially on account of what they consider our superior manner of managing schools. The influence of our Church is also much needed, and she will in due time meet, I doubt not, with much success.

Then, in reference to the Bassas, an almost unbounded field is opened before us. Their country embraces at least 10,000 square miles, which, at a very moderate calculation, must contain from 50,000 to 80,000 souls, all speaking one language. Of these I spoke particularly in my last. As I have seen something of these people since then, I will be excused for writing a little more about them.

I made a visit, a few days ago, to "King Peter Harris'" town, about 4 miles from Bassa Cove, near the Benson River. The town was very small, not containing more than 25 houses, and about 100 persons. This, indeed, is rather larger than the average size of Bassa towns, a large proportion being smaller than this. After being accustomed to see the towns of the Greboes, averaging from 400 to 600 persons each, such towns seem quite small. The houses, however, look more substantial and comfortable, inside and out, than those of natives at Cape Palmas, yet they do not last so long. These have, as others, ground floors and thatched roofs, but the interstices between the upright sticks are filled with clay, and plastered smoothly inside and out. They are of square form, high doors, with roofs projecting three or four feet, so as to form a good verandah. Inside, on either side, are wide berths elevated, answering for beds, neatly constructed of platted bamboo, which are far more comfortable than the hard clay floor on which, with a thin mat spread, the Greboes sleep.

"King Peter" is one of the most prominent of the Bassa chiefs; speaks broken English, and is a friend of Liberia and Missionaries. He has about 100 towns under his influence, in every one of which, I doubt not, the Gospel may be preached without let or hindrance. Indeed, it is believed that the same thing might be said of the Bassas generally.

These people are less fixed in their abodes, and their country far more sparsely settled, than that of the Greboes; yet this fact, together with their desire to become assimilated with Liberians, and other foreigners, would make it easy for a Missionary in some central position to gather around him hundreds of people who would place themselves under Liberian laws, and thus be somewhat prepared for the Gospel. Sassa-wood, witchcraft, fetichism to some extent, and the breaking of the Sabbath, are among the evils which some of the more civilized Bassas, among them King Peter and some of his subjects, have professed to have given up, especially where the influence of the Liberian laws are felt.

I conversed some time with King Peter, and preached to a small congregation in his town. Peter promises me some of his boys, so soon as a school can be established among them, which I hope can be done next year, (though one Missionary and his wife cannot do all, or even commence all, that is desirable in this county.) Scores, if not hundreds, of Bassa youths are employed in various ways among the colonists in this county, and are thus, to some extent, being civilized. But who cares for their souls, or the souls of the natives generally? Almost no one. The whole land, then, or nearly so, is "*yet to be possessed.*" I again call, and Bishop Payne joins me, I am sure, for more laborers for this vast and interesting field. I will never, while I live, cease to pray the Lord to "*send them forth.*"

Two ordained Missionaries, and several teachers, could enter, at once, with advantage upon the work among the Liberians; and any number would find a most encouraging field among the Bassas. Two ordained Missionaries, as the Bishop recommends, should generally go together, as singly, especially in a new field, they are sure to be overworked. Most anxiously shall I look for a colleague in my work here, and I am sure my wife can say the same. With millions of treasures, and many young ministers and candidates for Orders, (alas! too few!) cannot the Church spare enough to undertake a work which promises so much return for well-directed, prayerful labor? Yes! I am

sure, in God's own time, the field will be fully occupied. I hear already of more means,* but *where are the men?*

DEATH OF DR. T. R. STEELE, OF WASHINGTON, D. C.

The preceding letter of Bishop Payne announces the death of this most estimable member of our African Mission. His gentle and amiable manners, as well as the delightful spirit of piety which marked all his demeanor, had won for him the warm affection of all connected with the Mission; while the high character he had borne for professional attainments, gave reason to hope that his services as a physician, so much needed, would be eminently beneficial. He died on the 11th July, at Cavalla.

DEPARTURE OF MISSIONARIES.

The Rev. R. Smith, accompanied by Mrs. Payne, the wife of the Missionary Bishop at Cape Palmas, and by Miss Isabella Alley, sailed for Cape Palmas, from New-York, on the 25th October, in the Barque Estelle.

PRESSING NEED OF FUNDS FOR THE FOREIGN
TREASURY.

THE Secretary and General Agent has, under the instructions of the Foreign Committee, issued the following appeal. The importance of a prompt and liberal response to it cannot well be over-stated:—

“The Foreign Committee of the Board of Missions find themselves *compelled* to call upon the Church for money to relieve them from serious embarrassment.

* The late Elliott Cresson, Esq., of Philadelphia, I see, has left \$10,000 to our Bassa Cove Mission.

"At the recent Annual Meeting of the Board, the Treasurer reported his cash advances, over and above all receipts, \$8,000.

"Since the Meeting of the Board, these advances have been increased to about \$9,000; in addition to which, drafts from the African Mission, to the amount of over \$5,000, have been presented, and are payable during the month of November. Other obligations of this kind, but of somewhat longer date, have also been assumed.

"In the enlargement, which the best interests of the Missionary cause have compelled the Committee to make, there can be no curtailment: no man can be withdrawn from the field; none of the appliances now employed can be dispensed with; on the contrary, the language of God's Providence, as read in the signs of the times, is, *"lengthen thy cords and strengthen thy stakes."*

"The Committee ask *now*, for they need *now*, an earnest of what the Church will give them at Epiphany;—they ask it, not as a portion of what may then be looked for, but as an *additional* gift called for by the increased demands of God upon us as a portion of His flock."

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

THE Treasurer of the Foreign Committee acknowledges the receipt of the following sums, from Sept. 15, 1854, to Oct. 15, 1854:—

Vermont.

Hydeville—St. James's, $\frac{1}{2}$ 12 50

Rhode Island.

Bristol—St. Michael's, Ladies' Ben. Soc., Af. 40 00
Newport—Zion, S. S., Af. 17 00 57 00

Massachusetts.

Jamaica Plains—St. Paul's 20 00
Northampton—St. John's, \$50, S. S., ed. Chl., \$25 75 00
Pittsfield—St. Stephen's, Af. 68 00
Roxbury—St. James's, Gen., \$67 57, Mrs. Hill, Athens, \$33 50 121 07
Miscellaneous—Mrs. Thos. Green Fessenden 10 00 294 07

New-York.

Albany—St. Peter's, \$20, S. S., the savings of a little girl lately deceased, 21c., ... 20 21
Bedford—St. Matthew's, ed. Chl. 25 00
Brooklyn—Thomas Messenger, Esq. 59 11
Castleton—St. Mary's, $\frac{1}{2}$, ... 20 00
" St. Paul's, "Anonymous," 50
Duanesburg—Christ, $\frac{1}{2}$, ... 3 00
Hudson—Christ, S. S., ed. Af. 12 63
Hyde Park—St. James's 10 00
Little Neck—Zion, additional 10 00
New-York—St. George's, by C. C. H., Af. 79 75
Intercession, (Carmansville) .. 66 63
St. Matthew's, S. S., ed. Chas. Morgan, Af. 20 00
Morris—Zion, Af. $\frac{1}{2}$ 10 50
Morrisania—St. Ann's, Af., by C. C. H., \$37 80, add'l \$5 42 80
South Oyster Bay—Grace 2 25
Miscellaneous—"For Missions in Africa and China" 150 00
"W." $\frac{1}{2}$ 2 50
For Miss. School at Athens, from J. Atticus Robertson, \$10, Mary C. Robertson, \$5, Frances H. Robertson, \$5, Charlotte J. Robertson, \$5, 25 00 559 88

Pennsylvania.

Carlisle—St. John's.....	5 00	
Danville—Christ.....	6 00	
Leacock—Christ.....	3 22	
Lewistown—Little Charlie, for children in Africa.....	1 00	
Paradise—All Saints', \$5 61, S. S., \$2 57.....	8 18	23 40

Maryland.

Baltimore Co.—St. Thomas's, \$25, additional, \$21 51.....	46 51	
Rev. E. Allen, \$2 50, Miss A. \$2 50.....	5 00	51 51

Virginia.

Albemarle Co.—Walker's, Af, by E. W. H.....	16 23	
St. Paul's, do., do.....	20 66	
Amherst Co.—St. Luke's, do., do.....	15 12	
Ascension, do., do.....	20 00	
Bedford Co.—Haumer Parish, do., do.....	46 00	
Heber, do., do., do.....	58 00	
Charlottesville—Christ, Af, by E. W. H.....	50 00	
Fairfax Co.—Centreville Ch., by E. W. H., Af.....	10 07	
Pohick Ch., by E. W. H., Af.....	10 00	
Fredericksburg—Grandchildren of Mrs. Frances Scott, to be applied as ordered by Bish- op Payne, Af,.....	40 00	
Lexington—Latimer Parish, by E. W. H., Af.....	32 00	
Louisa Co.—St. John's, by E. W. H., Af.....	19 77	
Lynchburg—St. Paul's, by E. W. H., Af.....	66 20	
Nelson—Christ, by E. W. H., Af.....	57 17	
Richmond—St. James's, for Trinity Ch., Monrovia.....	60 00	
Staunton—Trinity, \$58 24, col'd cong., \$9 76.....	68 00	
St. Ann's Parish—Christ, Af, by E. W. H.....	40 00	
Miscellaneous—Louis Cazenove, Af, by E. W. H.....	1 00	
Rev. Mr. Hanson, do., do.....	11 00	641 22

South Carolina.

Charleston—St. Philip's, "Mis- sion at Rio Janeiro".....	5 00	
Pendleton—St. Paul's.....	6 50	11 50

Mississippi.

Pass Christian—Trinity Church Missionary Box, \$3; Miss Harriet Brown, \$6.....	9 00	
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Illinois.

Chicago—Atonement, S. S., Af.....	15 00	
Springfield—St. Paul's, S. S.....	4 37	19 37

Ohio.

Granville—Ep. Female Sem. for Girls' Sch., Shanghai.....	30 00	
Massillon—St. Timothy's.....	25 00	55 00

Missouri.

Cambridge—A. M. Davison, spe- cial, Athens.....	115 00	
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Legacies.

Charlottesville—Late J. A. G. Davis, by E. W. H., Af.....	3 00	
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Miscellaneous.

Collections at the Annual Meet- ing of the Board of Missions in St. John's Ch., Hartford, viz., $\frac{1}{2}$ coll. after sermon, Oct. 3.....	29 77	
$\frac{1}{2}$ coll. at Offertory, Oct. 4.....	17 52	
$\frac{1}{2}$ coll. at Miss. Meeting, Oct. 4.....	84 59	
Geo. P. Taylor.....	20 00	151 88
Total, Sept. 15, 1854, to Oct. 15, 1854.....	\$2,004 33	
Total, June 15 to Oct. 15, 1854.....	\$7,990 80	